



CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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(To be Continued.)
CHAPTER X.

February 5, 1865, Sunday, regiment joined in a move to Hatcher's Run. Second battle on Hatcher's Run; enemy's works captured and held; worked in trenches all night; very cold.

Feb. 6, fortified and skirmished all last night and today.

Feb. 7, worked all night. Regiment returned to garrison duty at Fort Cummings in the afternoon, amid snow and rain.

Feb. 8, tore down tents and packed up at midnight, and so remained till night of the 9th; no orders to move having come we again put up tents. Nearly froze during this unsheltered wait, in zero weather and no fires.

Feb. 12, Sunday, after morning inspection, the entire regiment went out three miles with arms, picks and shovels, to the advanced lines, worked in the trenches all day and returned late in the night.

Feb. 14, out fortifying on new lines. Rained hard all day, froze as it fell; returned to Fort Cummings after night.

March 25, 1865, left Fort Cummings and moved to front line before Fort Sampson. Battle at Fort Sampson; regiment lost ten men; returned to Fort Cummings toward morning of the 29th.

March 27, moved five miles southwest and formed lines of battle on north side of Gravelly Run; a skirmish ensued; enemy retreated.

March 28, moved a few miles and formed lines near Dabney's steam saw mill, half a mile west of Hatcher's Run.

March 29, joined the Corps on general line of battle near the Boydton Plank Road; 5th Corps to the left, 24th Corps to the right of the 2nd Corps, all facing north. Dreadful rain.

March 30, fighting along this line. Regiment lost one man.

March 31, fighting continues over same ground. Regiment lost in killed and wounded forty-one; missing one.

April 1, 1865, steady fighting; many killed and wounded; five thousand prisoners taken. Marched all night, ten miles west; joined Sheridan's army at day-break April 2nd, a few miles north of Five Forks.

April 2, moved a few miles north and fought at South Side railroad. Advance all along the line; Confederate lines broken everywhere.

April 3, started long before day-break and moved west through forest and swamp, in the direction of Nottoway Court House. Confederates evacuated Petersburg and Richmond during the night; Union troops took possession in the forenoon.

April 4, marched at 3 a. m. west, toward Burkeville, twenty miles; Confederate army in full retreat; Union army in wild pursuit.

April 5, marched twenty miles, in Sheridan's wake, to Jetersville. Great battle at Jetersville; Confederates defeated.

April 6, marched to Deatonville, eight miles, and took part in battle. Later moved to Sailors Creek. Great battle was fought; Confederates routed. Union loss 1180 men, Confederate 6000.

April 7, moved ten miles west, to Farmville where the 2nd Corps fought its last battle.

April 8, moved out before day-break; crossed the Appomattox river to the north and marched to New Store, twenty miles, and bivouacked in the woods. Confederate retreat blocked; intense excitement throughout the Union army.

April 9, Sunday, marched very early in the morning, along the Appomattox Court House road, ten miles, and halted near Rocky river, five miles from Appomattox Court House. A truce was ordered at 10 a. m. and articles of surrender signed at 4 p. m., at Appomattox Court House, one hundred miles west of Petersburg and the same distance from Richmond, Va.

April 10, the greater part of the Union army started on the homeward march. Sheridan's cavalry moved from Appomattox Court House to Prince Edward Court House. All of April 10th and 11th were taken up by the Confederates in drawing up and signing the parole papers.

April 11, the 148th P. V. joined in the homeward march at noon. Marched to Prospect Station, on the Petersburg and Lynchburg railroad, fifteen miles, and camped.

April 12, formal surrender of the Confederates at day-break. The Confederate parole papers were signed by only eight thousand men; seventeen thousand Confederates, less honorable, were reported "missing;" they having deserted since the 9th; nobody cared or tried to hold them. Very few of the Union troops saw this sur-

"THOSE CONFESSIONS."

Rev. Cox Takes Exceptions to The Reporter's Remarks—The Correction.

The confessions of Green and Dillen are very like the confessions made that are not the exact words of the professor—no reliance whatever can be placed in such confessions, and especially so when the attorneys, at the same time the confessions are being made, are conniving to save the necks of the condemned.

Just what motive a spiritual adviser would have in trafficking in confessions, pictures, etc., is a query, and will remain so unless explained by persons who deal in them. Green and Dillen were unfortunate to the very end.

The above paragraphs appeared in last week's Centre Reporter in connection with an account of the hanging of Green and Dillen. Rev. Cox, who informs the Reporter that he wrote the confessions at the dictation of the condemned men, took exceptions to the comments above, and asks that this paper correct the error, etc., for which opportunity the writer is very thankful.

Because: The paragraphs conveyed the idea to Rev. Cox, and possibly to others, that he (Rev. Cox) is accused of inserting matter in the confessions that were not dictated by the confessors. The writer had no such idea in his mind. He had no reason to think so. But on the other hand—

The idea the writer had in mind, and wished to convey (if it did not) was that the confessions were not a series of truths, but of falsehoods. Every one has the privilege of believing the confessions of Green and Dillen, as printed, or disbelieving them, without fear of life or limb. The person who wrote the account of the hanging did not believe the confessions as given to the public to be true, and said so, and meant to say so in unmistakable words.

The second paragraph grew out of the fact that one connected with the Reporter asked to purchase certain pictures of Dillen and Green, and was informed that the pictures were the property of Rev. Cox.

Rev. Cox, by telephone Friday noon, assured the Reporter that he was not selling pictures, nor confessions, all of which the writer has no reason to disbelieve, and is pleased to give that information to the public.

News from Mills County.

From the Lewistown Democrat and Sentinel: Mrs. George Mowery, of East Chestnut street, entertained the "Lutheran Gleamers" at her home Thursday afternoon. After the close of the business of the society, Mrs. Mowery served its members with choice refreshments, and all present reported having had a very pleasant time.

Mrs. W. R. McGirk of North Wayne street, Lewistown, and her sister, Mrs. Marion Price of Johnstown, visited their friends Mrs. Cora Burdfield at Reedsville during the week. Mrs. Price is the wife of the P. R. R. baggage master at Johnstown.

Mrs. John Zigler, of Altoona, was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Laub, Jr., on her return from an extended trip to Camden, N. J., Columbia, Pa., and Milroy, where her sister, Mrs. Jane Kerr, lives.

Prediction of the Journal.

Editor Bair, of the Phillipsburg Journal, makes this prediction in the issue of May 10th:

In our list of political announcements to-day you will find the card of Dr. F. K. White, of this place, who is a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party. The indications point very largely to the Doctor's nomination. He is recognized as one of the most earnest advocates of the party, and possessing every qualification for the position, and realizing the fact that Phillipsburg is justly entitled to recognition in this connection, it is pretty generally conceded that his nomination will follow.

New Banking Institution.

Lock Haven will have a new banking institution in the near future. The company will be capitalized at \$125,000, composed of 1,250 shares of the par value of \$100 each. Subscription lists for stock have been prepared and placed in the hands of the above named, for the purpose of selling stock to all persons who desire to invest in the same.

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render; it was witnessed by a part of the 5th Corps only. The 148th marched east about fifteen miles, by way of Hampden, Sidney and Prince Edward Court House, and camped east of and near the Bush river, a few miles south of Farmville.

April 13, marched south-east about twelve miles and camped near Burkeville, Va. Field hospital here to accommodate 10,000 men.

April 19, moved about three miles to better camp ground, in a clearing one mile south of Burkeville.

NEW SCHOOL LAWS.

Two Laws that Effect Township and Borough Schools and Directors.

The legislature just adjourned passed two laws of interest to township and borough school authorities. The first act permits school children to attend high schools in other districts than the one in which they live and provides for the payment by the township of the tuition. The second increases the pay of directors attending the annual school directors' convention. Under the law of 1903 directors were allowed mileage only, under the law now in force mileage and two dollars per diem is provided for. The measures are printed in full below:

HIGH SCHOOLS.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., that children, residing in school districts in which no public high school is maintained, may attend a high school in some other district, located near their homes; provided the consent of the directors of the district in which said high school is located be first obtained; the cost of tuition and school books, which shall not exceed that of the tuition and school books of children in the same grades or courses in the district maintaining such high school, shall be paid to the district receiving such children, out of the moneys raised by taxation for public school purposes in the district in which said children reside: Provided, that, before admission to a high school, such pupils shall be examined and found qualified for high school work by the principal of such high school.

SCHOOL DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted, &c., that it shall be the duty of each county superintendent of schools to call together, during the school year beginning June, one thousand nine hundred and five, and annually thereafter, at the county-seat, or some other suitable place in the county, all the school directors of the county, for the consideration and discussion of questions pertaining to school administration.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of each school director, in each of the districts of each county, to attend each annual meeting of school-directors, called by the county superintendent for the purpose of considering and discussing questions pertaining to school administration; and each school director attending such annual convention shall receive, for his necessary expenses, compensation at the rate of two dollars per diem, and mileage at the rate of three cents per mile, to be paid out of the funds of the district which he serves. But the expenses shall not be paid for more than two days at any annual meetings.

LOCALS.

Roy White is enjoying a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Conley, in this place. Roy and his mother have been living at Jacksonville.

James J. Gramley, of Madisonburg, was in town last week shaking hands with Democrats, and urging them to support him for the nomination for County Commissioner.

The reservoir was drained Saturday morning for the purpose of cleaning the bottom of leaves, etc., that gathered during the winter. The basin was full to overflowing when the operation began.

The Herrick Seed Company, of Rochester, N. Y., want an agent to canvass this section. This Company is all right. Their references are the best. Any one out of work write them for terms at once.

Commissioner of Forestry R. S. Conklin, last week, superintended the planting of a large number of pine trees on the Hiram Ross place, near Reedsville, which is a part of the forestry reservation. Additional trees are to be planted in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Duck and George Duck, of Grampan, came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Duck, near Penn Hall, to stay a short time. Mr. and Mrs. Duck are growing old, and it was on the account of their physical condition that the children came home.

G. W. Dunkle, of Centre Hall, accompanied by Misses Carrie and Blanche Dunlap, daughters of Andrew C. Dunlap, of Spring Mills, were pleasant callers at the Reporter office Saturday. The children took a great interest in the art preservative. Mr. and Mrs. Dunkle, whose friendship the children won, entertained them over Sunday.

Joseph S. Houtz, of Kirkland, Ill., writes the Reporter, under date of May 12, thus: The Centre Reporter always reaches us every Saturday morning, and is always welcomed by my family. Oats, barley and grass are looking fine, but corn planting is delayed some on account of heavy rains we have had lately.

REFORMED SYNOD HAS BIG PLANS.

The Triennial Session of the Supreme Body Began Tuesday.

The fifteenth triennial meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States is in session in Zion Reformed Church, Allentown. The sessions will continue for about ten days. There will be in attendance over 300 delegates, lay and clerical, from all parts of the denomination in this country.

The Reformed Church, of which the general synod is the highest judicatory, is one of the historic denominations of the land. It came to this country from Europe by way of Holland as early as 1720, and continued under the care of the Holland Church until 1793, when it became a separate and independent body. It represents a membership of about 255,000; it has more than 1100 ministers and 1700 congregations. There are more than 1600 Sunday schools and more than 200,000 Sunday school scholars.

The general synod was constituted in 1863. All the other judicatories of the church, of which there are eight synods and fifty-eight classes, make reports to this body. Its powers are purely advisory. Its retiring president is Rev. Dr. John H. Prugh, pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburg, who preached the opening sermon. The stated clerk is Rev. Dr. John Philip Stein, pastor of St. Thomas' Church, at Reading.

The adoption of a new constitution, which was prepared by a committee, of which Dr. George W. Richards, of Lancaster, is chairman, will claim considerable attention. There is much divided sentiment on minor points between the eastern and western sections of the Church and between the more liberal and the more conservative elements. In case the prepared draft of the new constitution is adopted by the synod, it will not become a binding document until it has been submitted to the fifty-eight classes in the Church, a majority of which must favor its adoption.

DEATHS.

MRS. SAMUEL HESS.

The account of the following sudden death is taken from the Sugar Valley Journal: The death of Mrs. Samuel Hess occurred very suddenly on Saturday at her home in Greene township, due to heart disease, at the age of fifty-one years. Surviving her are the husband and two sons. Mrs. Hess was alone at home attending to her household work when the final summons came. Mr. Hess and son Charles having gone to town. Upon their return home in the afternoon the latter found his mother lying dead on the front porch. Interment was made at Brungart's cemetery.

WILLIAM F. POWNELL.

The death of William F. Pownell at his late residence near Yarnell came very unexpectedly and was a severe blow to his family and community. The deceased had been ill only a few days, when pneumonia developed, to which disease he soon succumbed. He was born March 27th, 1856. He was well known and much esteemed for his many amiable qualities and genial hospitality.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nettie Pownell, his mother, Mrs. Mary Wilson, of Yarnell, and several children.

WILLIAM R. NOLL.

William R. Noll died at his home in Jeannette, Wednesday of last week, at the age of thirty-four years. Interment took place at Pleasant Gap, Saturday forenoon, the funeral being held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Noll, of near Pleasant Gap. Death was due to a tumorous growth in his side.

The deceased was a plasterer, and is survived by a wife, a daughter of Major Huss, Spring Mills, and three children.

REV. R. L. ARMSTRONG.

Rev. R. L. Armstrong, late pastor of the Methodist church at Wallaceport, died in Howard, while on a visit to Rev. E. M. Aller. He was a member of Central Pennsylvania conference. Beginning of April he went to Lock-Haven to make his home with his son, I. P. Armstrong. His age was sixty-two years.

JONATHAN LUTZ.

Jonathan Lutz, aged eighty-two years, died at the home of H. Condo, in Loganton, of diseases incident to old age. He leaves five children: Harrison, Tylersville; Frank, Millheim; William, Flemington; Jonathan, in the west, and Mrs. Cal. Henry, of this state.

MRS. CATHERINE NEFF.

Mrs. Catherine Neff, aged eighty-five years, died Thursday of last week, at her home in Hecla, Centre county, after a year's illness, suffering from jaundice. Interment was made at Zion.

INCIDENTS OF 1869.

Local Items Taken from the Centre Reporter of Interest to 1905 Readers.

Deaths—Mrs. John Kimport died suddenly, being ill but two hours. Her age was 70 years. . . . In Gregg township, December 27, Jacob Homan, aged 99 years. . . . At Aaronsburg, John Funk, aged 60 years.

DECEMBER 17—(Oddly put.) Mr. Jacob Thomas, a jolly Berks county boy, stopping at Centre Hall for the past two weeks, swears that Samuel Harpster has the two best horses in the county.

JANUARY 7, 1870—The Dinges school house, one mile south of Millheim, was burned to the ground Christmas night.

Married—December 30, Thomas O. Bogenrief, of Millfinburg, and Miss Mary G., daughter of Solomon Meyer, of Aaronsburg. . . . December 23, Samuel Long and Miss Susan B. Ream, both of Gregg township. . . . December 23, John W. Stewart and Miss Ellie M. Moser, both of Boalsburg. . . . December 30, Alexander McCoy, of Potters Mills, and Miss Mary E., daughter of Samuel Wilson, of Boalsburg.

JANUARY 14, 1870—C. F. Hennich sold his farm, near Spring Mills, to Samuel Leitzel.

James I. Foster sold eighty acres of his farm, near Spring Mills, to John Grove at \$85 per acre.

The Methodist church at Spring Mills was dedicated Sunday, January 9th. Rev. Bowman and Rev. Crosthwhite were present. \$1100 were raised on the occasion, which liquidated the debt.

JANUARY 21—Farmers are just finishing husking corn. The season is unusually late. Cold set in in October, with more or less snow ever since. [In a report on the condition of the Penn township public schools, the County Superintendent, R. M. Magee, makes note that "Snaveley's school" is the only one that had a clock in it. The superintendent in a later report complimented Gregg township on having five brick school houses and one under contract, there being but fifteen brick school buildings in the county. The school term was four months.]

Ephraim Shearer, of Zion, had one of his legs crushed by being run over by the cars, at the Bellefonte depot. Death ensued the next day.

The Centre Hall hotel, property of William Stump and D. C. Keller, was sold at sheriff's sale, January 20, to John Spangler for \$9000. The Stump farm, east of Old Fort, was sold at the same time for \$15,310 to Henry Brockerhoff.

Martin Leitzel's hotel bar, at Potters Mills, was robbed of ten dollars. A false key was used.

Married—January 9, Adam Stover and Miss Elizabeth Rote, both of Haines township. . . . January 13, J. William Stamm and Miss Anna Meyer, both of Harris township. . . . January 3, Reuben Stump and Miss Eliza Jane Smetzler, both of Centre county. . . . January 6, Andrew Jackson Hosterman and Miss Emma Yearick, both of Haines township. . . . January 6, at the house of Adam Hosterman, by Rev. C. H. Ritter, John S. A. man, of Millheim, and Miss Catharine Ulrich, of Penn township. . . . February 10, by Rev. R. Hamill, George L. Goodhart and Miss Susan A., daughter of Evan Evans, of Potter township. . . . January —, Thomas Frederick, of Aaronsburg, and Miss Anna Bitner, of Harris township. . . . January 15, Adam Maize and Miss Caroline Brown, both of Millheim.

Deaths—January 12, at Centre Hall, Samuel Harpster, aged 38 years, 2 months. . . . At Centre Hill, January 12, Elizabeth, wife of Michael Smetzler, aged 84 years. . . . In Buena Vista, Illinois, George W. Heckman, about January 25. He was formerly from Penn Hall. Death was caused by a fall from the roof of his house.

FEBRUARY 18—Chicago market: Wheat 88c, corn 70c, oats 38c, rye 65c, gold \$1.19. . . . Milroy market: Wheat \$1.05, rye 80c, corn 75c, oats 42c, butter 25c, eggs 18c, potatoes 50c.

MARCH 4—D. Finkle sold his grist mill in Millheim to Simon Wolf and William Moyer, of Miles township, for \$10,000.

Delegates to I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge. The State Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., met in Scranton beginning of this week. The delegates to that body from the various lodges in Penna. Valley, who attended the same, follow: Lemont—William Hoy. State College—Milton Hartwick. Boalsburg—Calvin Wieland. Millheim—E. W. Mauck. Centre Hall—John H. Krumbine. Rev. G. W. Mellnay, of Spring Mills, represented the Loysburg, Bedford county, Lodge, of which he is a member.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Mrs. Fred W. Weber and daughter, Miss Fay, of Boalsburg, were in Centre Hall Saturday.

Last week the trees were "leaving," but this week it would not be proper to say that they left.

The next annual meeting of the Knights of the Golden Eagles will be held in Reading.

William Koch moved from Stone Valley to Daniel Tressler's farm, at Linden Hall, in order to engage in the lumber business with J. H. Ross.

Miss Marie White has resigned her position in the office of J. A. B. Miller Esq., to accept a similar position as stenographer for the Bellefonte Furnace company.

Miss Roxanna Brisbin was a delegate to the Rebekah Assembly, held at Scranton Tuesday and Wednesday. She was the only delegate to that body from this county. The Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. also met in that city.

D. A. Grove, of near Lemont, was in Centre Hall Saturday and Monday in the interest of his candidacy for the nomination of County Commissioner. Mr. Grove is located on the North side of Nittany Mountain, and considers himself a candidate from the North side of the county.

Gregg township arranged beginning of this week to use the new stone crusher purchased by them through Samuel Rowe, of this place. The machine was put together by Mr. Rowe, assisted by H. M. Wert, the latter having successfully and in a novel manner unloaded the same from the car.

Miss Florence Rhone, accompanied by little Miss Helen Breon, Friday of last week went to Harrisburg, returning Monday. While in the state's capital they were the guests of Miss May Rhone, the former's sister, who holds a clerkship in the Dairy and Food Department, under Commissioner Warren.

Several stalks of barley, both bearded and smooth, that had attained the height of thirty-three inches, were plucked by L. Emerick from a wheat field on the farm of B. H. Arney. The heads of the plants were well matured. This is evidence that snow, of which there was an abundance last winter, is a perfect protector of plant life.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bryerton, of Lock Haven, were arrivals at Spring Mills Saturday afternoon and were met there by Mrs. Bryerton's cousin, Emanuel Ungert, of Penna. Cave, with whom they will spend a week. Mr. Bryerton is a fireman at the brick yards at Lock Haven, and, judging from his traps, is an apostle of Isaac Walton.

A former citizen in the person of John H. Krumbine, was in town Saturday and Sunday, having stopped here on his way to Scranton where he represented the Centre Hall Lodge, I. O. O. F., at its Grand Lodge. Mr. Krumbine is located at Rexis, Cambria county, at which place he is postmaster, and is also conducting a furniture store and undertaking.

Smith Brothers, the Spring Mills furniture dealers and undertakers, are building an addition to their furniture rooms that will amply accommodate two or more wagons when loaded with furniture, and the building is so arranged that the loading may be done from the main ware room. They are also enlarging their stabling and sheds for the horse and other vehicles.

An early caller Saturday morning was Rev. W. A. McClellan, of Pleasant Unity, who arrived at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. B. White, Friday evening. Rev. McClellan is the pastor of a Reformed church in a flourishing district in Westmoreland county, and is doing good, effective work. He is a native of Potter township, and occasionally pays his old haunts about Tusseyville a visit.

Miss Bertha Duck, of Spring Mills, was in town Saturday, and called at the Reporter office. She came home recently from New York, where she had been located since July of last year, being engaged as bookkeeper in a large business office. Her sister, Mrs. Blanche Phillips, is expected home from New York in a short time. She is employed with a structural steel company, as record-keeper.

The new game law will give more protection to deer. It takes from the hunter the privilege of using anything but a single ball, but should have included repeating rifles of all types. The season is shortened to fifteen days, and the limit is one deer. Wild turkeys are also given additional protection. Quail need not fear the pot-hunter so long as they remain in a bunch, because he dare not lawfully kill under those conditions. See the game laws in another column.